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Title: LAPAROSCOPIC AND ENDOSCOPIC TRAINER INCLUDING A DIGITAL CAMERA

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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16 the Examiner's use.

17  2. Copies of the listed patents, publications, and other information were previously cited by  
18 or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior application Serial  
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27 within three months of the filing date of the national application, within three months of  
28 the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 in an international  
29 application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

30  6. Submission with RCE: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, this information disclosure  
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